



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held January 10, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“During the month of January many activities are being planned throughout Los Angeles County to focus attention on the importance of early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

“Approximately 550 women in Los Angeles County will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year and 160 women will die unnecessarily because cervical cancer is a preventable disease.

“Because cervical cancer has no early signs and symptoms, it is very important that women get a regular Pap test. Fifty to Seventy percent of newly diagnosed women have not had a Pap test in 5 years or more. Low-income women, women of color and recent immigrants are most at risk.

“To increase the number of women screened, the Office of Women’s Health provides access to free Pap testing for low-income women. This service may be accessed by calling the toll free multi-lingual hotline at (800) 793-8090. Through these efforts and those of our community partners, awareness is being raised that cervical cancer is preventable with routine Pap tests and no woman should have to die from this preventable disease.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed the month of January 2006 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County in recognition of the many activities to increase awareness that cervical cancer is preventable with routine screening exams that lead to its early detection and treatment;
2. Encouraged all Department/District Heads to provide educational activities for their department staff, and to coordinate and participate in community outreach and screening activities during January 2006; and
3. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to work with the Director of Health Services in making arrangements to provide "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" information in the January 2006 paychecks of all County employees.

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